the same questions on the ground that the meeting did not begin on the 22nd July. I have considered that question very carefully at the time these questions were sent up. I think there is no other ruling to be given now than what has already been given."

President: Order, order. The matter is of some importance and I shall therefore give my ruling on the subject straightway. The word 'meeting' that is used here with regard to the putting of questions can only refer to the first day of the meeting of the Council or the Assembly, as the case may be. It so chances that during the Budget session, there are 10 or 12 days allotted to the consideration of the Budget by the lower House and 7 or 8 days allotted for the Upper House. It will be seen that this is a rule which applies to all meetings of the Houses. The meeting may go on for 1 or 2 days or 4 or 5 days or may be prolonged for 20 days and more. The object of giving a certain period of time for the putting of questions is to enable the Secretariat and the various Departments of Government to collect the necessary material and have the answers ready in response to the questions. For that purpose, a certain time, namely 12 clear days, is fixed. Supposing that a Bill happens to be a very contentious one. There is no rule of time limit for the consideration of Bills. Suppose that Bill makes the house stay on for 5, 6 or 10 days. It cannot be contended that in the expectation or hope that a question would not be actually put on the floor of the House, such and such number of days is sufficient, or might be sufficient. The ruling therefore is that the word 'meeting' intended there is the commencement of the meeting of either House in relation to that particular session of the House.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

TRANSFERS AND BEQUESTS TO UNBORN PERSONS BILL— REFERENCE TO SELECT COMMITTEE.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I move that the Travancore Transfers and Bequests to Unborn persons Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: I second it.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: I rise to a point of order. Under Rule 54 at page 81 of the Legislative Rules,—

"On the dissolution of either Chamber all Bills, other than Government Bills, which have been introduced in the Chamber which has been dissolved or have been sent to that Chamber under Rule 86 and which have not been passed by the Legislature, shall lapse except under such circumstances as may be provided for by Standing Orders made in this behalf."

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[Mr. K. C. Chandy.]

No provision has been made by any Standing Order for the continuance of any Bill, in spite of the dissolution of the House. The Council has been dissolved, and with that Mr. Narayana Aiyar's Bills which were introduced in the dissolved Council also lapse, and besides, there is no need to introduce it.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: On both points, the honourable member is wrong. There is a Standing Order No. 4 at page 16 of the Manual which says:

> 'Bills which have been introduced shall be carried over to the pending list of business of the next session.'

With regard to this Bill, Mr. Narayana Aiyar moved in the 14th session of the House that the Bill be continued, so that he is perfectly in order in moving that it may be referred to the Select Committee.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: That Order applies only in regard to the termination of a session and not in cases where a Council has been dissolved.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Provision for that has been made in para 29 of the Manual (i. e. in sub-order (2) of Standing Order 4.) It is as follows:—

> 'Bills (other than Government Bills) provision relating to the lapse of which on the dissolution of a Council is made in Rule 54 of the Rules, shall not lapse if the member in charge of the Bill is returned to the new Council, or the Council, on a motion of any other member desiring to take charge of the same, makes a special order for the continuance of the Bill.'

Mr. K. C. Chandy: That is one. The other point is that there has been no notice for leave to introduce the Bill. Then there is also the 2nd paragraph to Section 26 of the Act, which says:

> 'Any Standing Order made as aforesaid which is repugnant to the provisions of any Rules made under this Act, shall, to the extent of that repugnancy but not otherwise, be void.'

President: I rule on all three points against the honourable member. The Standing Order is not void. Secondly, the Standing Orders on the subject are quite clear, as may be seen from paragraph 29 referred to by Mr. Narayana Aiyar.

In this case, the honourable member Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar has been returned to the new Council. I therefore hold that the honourable member is not in order.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I move that the following members do constitute the Select Committee:

Messrs.

1. M. Govindan.
2. K. A. Raman Pillai.
3. G. Madhavan,
4. K. G. Narayana Panikkar,
5. M. K. Makkar Pillai,
6. N. Narayana Kurup,
7. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai,
8. G. Revi Varma,
9. K. Shahul Hamid,
10. M. K. Velu Pillai,
11. K. C. Chandy.
12. The Legal Remembrancer, and myself.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO PROPERTY BILL.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I move that the Travancore Hindu Women's Rights to Property Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: The following members do constitute the Select Committee to consider this Bill:

1. Srv. P. Thankamma,

Messrs.

2. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai,
3. N. Madhavan Namputiri,
4. G. Ravi Varma,
5. M. K. Velu Pillai,
6. Paul A. Thaliath,
7. K. G. Narayana Panikkar,
8. K. A. Raman Pillai,
9. M. Govindan,
10. G. Madhavan,
11. D. Krishnan Potti,
12. The Legal Remembrancer, and myself.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

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